

Office Memorandum

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TO : The Director.

FROM : Chief, Legislative Liaison Division.

SUBJECT: Senator Robertson's Unification Bill.

DATE: 15 May 1947.

1. The Chief Clerk, Senate Armed Services Committee, has informed me that the Committee will consider S. 1282, Senator Robertson's new unification bill, on Tuesday 20 May. This will be in executive session.
2. General Norstad, on behalf of the War Department, (and I presume Admiral Sherman, on behalf of the Navy Department), are preparing their Departments' position in connection with this bill.
3. The Clerk of the Committee, while not specifically inviting it, has stated that the Committee will receive any memorandum on the subject of S. 1282 which we care to submit by 20 May.
4. It is therefore recommended that the undersigned prepare a statement for the Director to submit in connection with those provisions of S. 1282 which refer to the Central Intelligence Agency, for forwarding to the Committee. In an accompanying letter, it is further thought that the Director should offer to appear, if necessary, in opposition to these provisions.
5. It is further recommended that the Director or the undersigned coordinate this matter with Admiral Sherman and General Norstad.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 15 May 1947

FROM : Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

The following persons were present during testimony of the Director before the Senate Armed Services Committee, 29 April 1947:

Gen. Vandenberg
Adm. Hillenkoetter
Col. Harris
Mr. Pforzheimer
Sen. Gurney, Chairman, of South Dakota
Sen. Bridges of New Hampshire
Sen. Robertson of Wyoming
Sen. Wilson of Iowa
Sen. Saltonstall of Massachusetts
Sen. Baldwin of Connecticut
Sen. Morse of Oregon
Sen. Hill of Alabama
Sen. Byrd of Virginia
Sen. Maybank of South Carolina
John Adams, Chief Clerk of the Committee

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STATEMENT OF FLEET ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ, U.S.N., BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

Admiral Nimitz

15 May 1946

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H.R. 2319 represents a sincere effort of the services to settle differences which have existed between them in order to provide for increased national security. The bill represents a compromise, drawn up in a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding, designed to provide the nation with a defense organization adaptable to modern warfare.

The last war taught us many lessons which we should take into account in planning for the future. This bill incorporates those lessons. It gives legal status to those agencies which were found to be essential to the conduct of global war. It is geared to the increased tempo which modern weapons impose upon the conduct of war. It is sufficiently flexible to permit the ready incorporation of methods which future needs may dictate.

The bill provides for integration of the Departments of State, Army, Navy and Air Force, through the National Security Council, to the extent necessary to keep our military policy in balance with our foreign policy. It legalizes, formalizes and amplifies the now existing Committee of Three consisting of the Secretaries of State, War and Navy, which is the genesis of a National Security Council. That is a forward-looking and necessary step.

The bill provides for what I believe is vitally needed top management. It is my concept that the President will control the decisions of the Secretary of National Defense on matters of great importance to the United States just as closely as he would corresponding decisions of any Secretary of a Department of the Government. The President is the person ultimately responsible for decisions on matters of national security, and I cannot believe that a Secretary of National Defense would make any im-

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